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His Excellency Banny de Brum
Ambassador of the Republic of
the Marshall Islands
Embassy of the Republic of
the Marshall Islands
2433 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador de Brum:

On May 29, 1997, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued a "Draft Notice of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications for the DOE Medical Program in the Marshall Islands" (62 FR 29125). Applications received by the Department pursuant to the Notice will be reviewed by an independent review panel administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIH manager for this effort is Dr. Paul Strudler.

This letter invites the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to submit nominations to fill positions on the NIH-administered independent review panel. Please send the names, addresses, telephone numbers and the curricula vitae of your nominees to Dr. Strudler by August 23, 1997. His address is:


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Please contact Dr. Strudler at 301-435-1716 with any questions you have regarding this process. We look forward to continuing our work together to improve the Marshall Islands medical program.

Sincerely,



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